

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-11 cancelled

12. (currently amended) A steering column module for a vehicle or for a motor-vehicle, the module comprising:

a base housing;

a switching unit disposed on or in said base housing said switching unit having a mechanism coupled to a moving member;

at least one circuit board disposed in or on said base housing;

~~and~~

at least one contact switch mounted for motion on said circuit board and coupled for cooperation with said mechanism of said switching unit, wherein said circuit board and said contact switch belong to a common, pre-assembled unit, said unit being configured in such a fashion that coupling for motion between said contact switch and said mechanism of said switching unit transpires during assembly of said switching unit to said pre-assembled unit; and

securing means disposed on said pre-assembled unit to secure a position of said contact switch, wherein said switching unit has unlocking means which unlock said securing means during assembly to said pre-assembled unit.

13. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein at least portions of said base housing belong to said pre-assembled unit.
14. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein said pre-assembled unit has housing sections which cover at least portions of said circuit board.
15. cancelled.
16. cancelled.
17. (currently amended) The steering column module of ~~claim 16~~claim 12, wherein said securing means comprise a securing tongue which cooperates with said contact switch.
18. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 17, wherein said unlocking means as comprise a raised pin-shaped structure which deflects said securing tongue when mounting to said pre-assembled unit for releasing said contact switch.
19. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein said pre-assembled unit and said switching unit have centering means for common mutual alignment during assembly.

20. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein said contact switch has a central receptacle which cooperates with a free end of a lever arm of said mechanism during assembly.
21. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein said switching unit has a switching housing which can be disposed on said base housing.
22. (previously presented) The steering column module of claim 12, wherein, in a final mounted state, a plurality of said switching units are disposed in corresponding switching housings on said pre-assembled unit.